



**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
SITTING AS THE LAW COURT**

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO FILE AMICUS BRIEFS

**Law Court invites amicus briefs on timing
of appeals in subsidiary “proceedings”
within informal probate proceedings**

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court, sitting as the Law Court, invites briefs of amici curiae in the appeal of *Estate of Claudette Sheltra*, Law Court docket number Yor-19-327, on the following issue:

When a petition for formal probate of a will and appointment of a personal representative is filed concerning a decedent who is the subject of an existing unsupervised informal proceeding probating a different will, and given 18-A M.R.S. § 3-107 (2018) and the substantively identical provisions of 18-C M.R.S.A. § 3-107 (Supp. 2020), must an order fully disposing of the petition for formal probate and appointment of a personal representative, but not the entire informal probate proceeding, be immediately appealed, or may an aggrieved party wait until a final order in the informal probate proceeding to appeal from the order?

The parties’ briefs and the appendix are available on the Court’s website at www.courts.maine.gov/quick/sheltra.

An amicus brief, which may not exceed twenty-five pages (exclusive of the required tables, signature block, and certificate of service on the parties) may be filed by or on behalf of any individual, entity, or group of individuals and/or entities without separate leave of the Court. Any amicus brief must be filed on or before **April 10, 2020**. An amicus brief must be filed at the address listed below and must comply with M.R. App. P. 7A. In addition to filing and serving the required number of copies, any amicus must send a copy of the brief electronically, as a single “native” or text-based .pdf file, to the Clerk of the Law Court at lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov.

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